



## SALEM BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:

### Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare

The Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare commission consists of three members and three at-large members from the city who serve three year terms. The goal of this group is to act as an operating Community Service Board which provides a system of comprehensive community mental health, mental retardation and substance abuse services under local control.

### Board of Appeals International Building Code

The Board of Appeals International Building Code Board consists of five members and three alternates from Salem. These members serve five-year terms and they meet when it is necessary to address an appeal of a decision made by a building official. The chairman of the committee will give notice of such meetings and they will occur within ten working days of any appeal that is filed.

### Board of Equalization of Real Estate Assessments

The Board of Equalization of Real Estate Assessments consists of five members. These individuals serve three-year terms and are appointed to the board by the Circuit Court on the recommendation of Council. Individuals on this committee can only serve for 9 consecutive years or 3 terms and must be property owners within the city. This Board meets as needed with citizens who have questions about the validity of their real estate assessments.

### Board of Zoning Appeals

The Board of Zoning Appeals is made up of five members and three alternates from the City. These individuals serve five year rotating terms and are appointed by the Circuit Court upon the recommendation of Council. Members on this Board are paid \$100 for each meeting they attend. They meet every third Thursday of each month as needed when someone wants to appeal a decision made by the Zoning Administrator (i.e. to request any variance to the particular zoning ordinance in that area.)

### Fair Housing Board

The Fair Housing Board consists of five members and meets when necessary. Each member on this board serves a three-year term. This committee reviews questions concerning the Fair Housing Act that covers most housing transactions including rentals, home sales, advertising, mortgage lending, home improvements, and zoning activities, but only if one is discriminated on the basis of one of the following protected classes as defined by federal, state, and/or local law.



#### Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission

The Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission consists of 21 total members including three from Salem. These individuals serve three-year terms and the positions are filled by City of Salem Staff members and members of City Council. The goal of the committee is to promote the development of the physical, social and economic elements of the Planning District by assisting governmental subdivisions to plan for the present and the future. This commission meets four times a year.

#### Fine Arts Commission

The Fine Arts Commission is made up of 9 members along with the two student representatives from Salem High School. The 9 members serve four-year terms and meet regularly. The Salem Fine Arts Commission is a City Council appointed body assigned the role "to inform, encourage, and involve the Salem community in the fine arts." The Fine Arts Commission brings artists from the community together to share their varied talents with those in the city.

#### Local Office on Aging (LOA)

The Local Office on Aging has an advisory council that the City of Salem appoints a representative to for an extended period of time. In the fifth planning district, the LOA also has a Board of Directors comprised of 12 individuals including one citizen representative, who is currently from the City of Salem. The term of service is for three years, with the possibility of another three additional years. The Board meets six times a year and the advisory council meets five times a year.

#### Planning Commission

The Planning Commission is made up of five people who each serve four year terms. This committee meets once a month to discuss subdivisions, rezoning requests, Special Exception Permit requests, and other such items. Committee members are paid \$100 a month and they are also members of the NPDES Citizens' Committee.

#### Real Estate Tax Relief Review Board

The Real Estate Tax Relief Review Board consists of three members who each serve three-year terms. This committee meets once a year to hear appeals to determine if elderly citizens, who have been denied relief because they do not meet specific qualifications, but are eligible due to personal circumstances.

#### Roanoke Valley Greenway Commission

The Roanoke Valley Greenway Commission is comprised of three representatives from the City of Salem, who work hand-in-hand with other members from Roanoke City and Roanoke County. The purpose of this committee is to promote and facilitate coordinated direction and guidance in the planning, development and maintenance of a system of greenways through the Roanoke Valley. This committee meets at least once a quarter and its members serve three-year terms.



#### Salem Transportation Safety Commission

The Salem Transportation Safety Commission has 7 members, and all except one of those are City employees. This committee also has three student representatives from Salem High School. The term of service for this commission is four years.

#### School Board of the City of Salem

The school system is governed by a five-member School Board appointed by Salem City Council. These members serve overlapping three-year terms. The School system's Superintendent is the Board's chief executive officer and is appointed for a four-year term. The Primary functions of the School Board include overseeing the administration of the school system, setting policies for guiding the administration of the schools, and developing an annual school budget. The School Board meets on the second Tuesday of each month in the Board Room of the School Administration Building at 510 South College Avenue

#### Total Action Against Poverty

The Total Action Against Poverty Board features 27 total members including one member from Salem City Council and a full-time alternate from the city. This individual serves a two-year term. TAP's Board of Directors meets nine times per year and the entire organization prides itself in its strong commitment to offering equal opportunities to all citizens in the organization's governance and employment.

#### Virginia's First Regional Industrial Facility Authority

Virginia's First Regional Industrial Facility Authority meets once a month at the New River Valley Competitiveness Center. The meetings are hosted by the New River Regional Commission. Two members from Salem are on this Authority including one Council member and one staff member from the city. The term is for four years.

#### Virginia Western Community College

The Virginia Western Community College Board features one member from the City of Salem. This individual serves a four-year term and can only serve two full terms before stepping down.

This committee does everything from review curriculum to serve as a link between the State Board for Community Colleges and the local governments. This group meets six times a year - on the second Tuesday on every other month, beginning in January. The meetings take place in the College Board Room at Virginia Western at 3:30 p.m.

#### Industrial Development Authority (IDA)

The Industrial Development Authority (IDA) is made up of 7 members who each serve four-year terms. This group meets when necessary. The primary purposes of the IDA are (1) to acquire, own, lease and dispose of properties; (2) to issue bonds and make loans in order to promote industry and trade in the City, and (3) to induce manufacturing, industrial, governmental, non-profit and commercial enterprises and institutions of higher education to locate, remain and expand in the City.